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THE FARM EXHIBIT

A SUCCESS

Farmers, do you realize that we are living in a good agricultural county? Those of you who were at the County Exhibit and saw the products that the farmers and housewives exhibited, know that we are. Those of you who were not there all about it, and they will regret not being there, and will look forward to the exhibit that we are going to have next year, and will be willing to take part and make it better. The exhibit this year was very good, but will be much better next year, for we farmers and business men are going to get behind the County Association and help in every way that we can. How can we help? We can help by joining the Pocahontas County Agricultural Improvement Association and paying our membership fee. The Improvement Association has made it possible for us to have this exhibit, and the best of all it didn't cost the farmers a cent—it was free to all. Now the prizes that were given and the expenses amounted to about \$400. Where did the money come from? It was raised by the Pocahontas County Agricultural Improvement Association and the business men of town, so you see that they are working for the farmer in every way that they can. They realize the need of better farming in our good county.

Now farmer, what are you doing to help yourself? Are you reading the Agriculture Bulletin and the farm papers? Are you asking the county agent questions? Are you helping him in every way that you can? Have you joined the Pocahontas County Agricultural Improvement Association? If not, you are not doing your duty. Pocahontas is going to be one of the leading agricultural counties in the state. Are you going to join in and help make it so? If not you will be a back number.

Pocahontas County Agriculture Improvement Association stands for better agriculture, better schools, better churches, better roads, better homes, more boys and girls clubs.

Parents does it pay to have your children belong to the agriculture clubs. Wardell Harper, a member of the corn club at Hillsboro, had the best ten ears of corn at the exhibit. Why did he have the best ten ears? Because he had followed the instructions that were sent him from Morgantown, telling him how to plant his corn, fertilize, cultivate, and how to select his seed. Boys! you will have to work to beat Wardell next year.

Neal Williams, at Cloverlick, had the best all around showing from an acre of corn. He gets the fourteen tooth cultivator. Neal will have something good to cultivate his corn with next year. Now boys, you will have to read all the bulletins you can this winter on raising corn if you beat Neal next year.

Clyde Grimes had best all round showing from one-eighth acre potatoes. He gets a free trip to Morgantown to attend short course in agriculture. Ligon Gum, 2nd, gets a four bladed knife, and Arnett White 3rd, gets a watch.

Boys, don't you wish you had joined the club last year. You will have a chance to join this fall. Select the ground that you are going to have; your teacher and the county agent will help you get started.

Arnett White had the second best peck of potatoes at the exhibit. How did he know so much about potatoes? Because he followed the instructions that he got telling him about his potatoes.

Eunice Vaughan and Carrol Kenison had the best showing of tomatoes. Their booklet and cans were so near equal that the judge gave the canner to both of them. You girls who saw those nice cans that Eunice and Carrol had at the exhibit will want to join the club. You will have to work to beat Eunice and Carrol next year.

Girls and boys, I believe it will be a good plan if you will ask your teacher one question each day about the club that you are going to organize at your school.

Teacher how you bulletins telling you about club work? If not, write to your county agent and he will send you bulletins which will give you information on club work.

Mothers you ought not be satisfied until you employ some woman in the county to help your girls in canning, sewing, etc. Your county agent is always ready to answer questions and help you in any way that he may.

Use Keystone Poultry Food.

HOUSE FOR SALE—Five room cottage, attractive and well built, well water good part of town. Apply to E. C. Dilley, Marlinton, W. Va.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

October 12th, 1915, was the anniversary of the marriage of the Rev. Wm. T. Price and Miss Anna L. Randolph, at Mt. Prospect, an eastern suburb of Richmond, Virginia.

One of the rigidly enforced reconstruction edicts was to the effect no marriage permits should be issued except to parties who would take the oath of allegiance to the Federal government.

Before leaving his home in Highland county, Va., Mr. Price took the prescribed oath before the late Joseph Layne, and received his voucher. When this voucher was presented at the Henrico clerk's office, the clerk inquired as to the lady's voucher, and as none was in evidence, he refused the marriage permit.

There was a Federal Regiment encamped in speaking distance of the bride's home and when an ambulance driver learned what the trouble was he obtained permission of the regimental commander to use his ambulance for the convenience of the prospective bride. Early Thursday morning the ambulance was at the door. A more polite and obliging person would be hard to find than what the plain and rugged driver showed himself to be. He told us his name was William Walker, from Boston. The party of four, Mr. Randolph, daughter, the writer and the driver were soon in Richmond. When inquiry was made for the Provost office, we were directed to a building that was known as the First Presbyterian Church. The officer in charge seemed to be out of sorts for being called upon for such foolishness, advised us to go to the head office on the third floor of the capitol building. The ambulance was soon near the Washington equestrian monument. The driver and Mr. Randolph waited while the prospective bride and groom ascended the lofty flights of stairs leading to the third floor. Upon making known our business to the official in charge, he seemed to get out of patience more than the one we had first called on. He managed, however, to restrain himself and politely informed us that the proper place for taking the required oath was at an office on Broad street, which we found to be nearly a mile west of the capitol. Here the oath was administered and the voucher duly made out.

It was near noon when the party in question left the Henrico clerk's office for Mount Prospect. Four p. m. was the hour set for the marriage. By that time about thirty persons were present. Mr. Joseph W. Randolph, the noted publisher, acted as best man. Mrs. Honoria Tucker Randolph, sister of the Confederate Commodore J. R. Tucker, was matron of honor, while the Rev. Phillip B. Price, pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church officiated. Rev. Dr. William Brown was expected to assist but he was hindered from being present in time. When he came later, however, he found himself in good time to be highly welcomed for his name and Mrs. E. H. Brown's to be cherished by all interested in the "short and simple annals" of this anniversary.

Of all present that Thursday afternoon October 12th, 1865, but three persons are survivors—the persons married and Henry W. Randolph, Jr. His residence is quite near the place where his sister took the oath of allegiance. Let it ever be, that whosoever may be interested in this fiftieth anniversary shall be so influenced and that in "so numbering the days" their hearts may be applied to the wisdom coming from above, which is first pure, then peaceable, easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and hypocrisy.

The Thornwood Lumber Company has notified the secretary of the state that it would discontinue business in this state and surrender its charter. Their lumber supply has given out. The Thornwood Lumber Co. under various names has been operating at Thornwood for the past ten or twelve years. Their principal office is in Pittsburg.

The above item is copied from the Charleston papers. It does not mean that the big mill at Thornwood will stop manufacturing lumber as it has been taken over by the Kendall Lumber Co. and is being supplied with a train load of logs daily from the camps operating eight thousand acres of fine timber land on Thorny Creek.

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REMINISCENCE OF JOHN BROWN

The person referred to is the John Brown of Harper's Ferry notoriety, who spent the third Sabbath of August, 1846 at the old Price home at Marlins Bottom, Pocahontas county, Va. As the sun was going down Saturday evening before, a stranger appeared and asked permission to remain until Monday. This being granted he was dismounted and was led by the late James Atlee Price to what was called the New House.

The stranger requested that nothing but grass be given his horse. In the meantime I was told to lead him to pasture across "the Run." At that time it was a meadow and having been mown some weeks previously was covered by a very luxuriant after growth. The animal was a medium sized light bay horse and one of the swiftest pacers I have ever noticed.

Mr. Price took it for granted that the stranger was a pious person and when it came time to prepare for "bed" a Bible was handed him for family worship. Upon accepting the book he spoke of his being a member of the United Presbyterian Church. He selected a chapter, and then in a sitting posture held a monologue with God. He then read by sections the chapter and occupied considerable time in comments, and then knelt in prayer which was often apparently in deep humility but was one of the longest I had ever listened to. A half hour, if not more was thus passed in family worship. "Getting ready for breakfast" the next morning was equally protracted, if not longer, the order of exercises the same—monologue, scripture reading, comments and prayer. Family worship Sabbath night and Monday morning the order of services were the same and seemingly more protracted.

I retain a very vivid impression of this person's appearance. Yet strange to say it is but recently that I discovered, or became conscious of his identity with John Brown of the Harper's Ferry fiasco. It has only been a year or two since that a portrait list of persons that were leaders in the anti-slavery cause, attracted my attention and while noticing the likeness of John Brown it almost took my breath away when I perceived that the impression so long and so vividly impressed upon my memory and the features of the portrait placed the matter of identity beyond all questionable doubt. Moreover all that I have learned by recent research convinces me more and more that John Brown of Harper's Ferry notoriety spent the third Sabbath of August, 1846 at the old Price Home, located at what was then Marlins Bottom, Va., now Marlinton, W. Va. W. T. P.

Indianapolis, Oct. 2.—How President Wilson went down on his knees and led his Cabinet in prayer at a recent meeting was told here yesterday by Bishop William F. Anderson, of Cincinnati, at a session of the Indiana Methodist Episcopal Conference. A United States Senator told the Bishop of the incident, he said. The Senator had heard it from one of the Cabinet members who prayed with the President.

"When the President arrived at the Cabinet meeting," said Bishop Anderson, "his face wore a solemn look. It was evident that serious affairs of the nation were on his mind. He said to the Cabinet members: 'I don't know whether you men believe in prayer or not. I do. Let us pray and ask the help of God.'"

"And right there the President of the United States fell upon his knees and the members of the Cabinet did the same and the President offered a prayer to God. While the war rages in Europe we in this country should thank God that in this crisis of the world we have a Chief Executive who is a servant of God and who stands with his hand in the hand of God. Every minister in the land should everywhere heifers a prayer take Woodrow Wilson by the hand and lead him into the presence of God and ask that he be given strength to continue to be the great apostle of peace."

There was a chorus of "Amen's" from the ministers. Later a telegram expressing the confidence of the delegates was sent to the President.

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MICHAEL EDWARD PUE

We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths; in feelings, not in figures on a dial. We should count time by heart-throbs. He most lives Who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best.

The imperishable words quoted above apply to the life and career of our departed friend Michael E. Pue with peculiar force. In his untimely death Pocahontas County has lost a foremost citizen; a sorrowing mother, a dutiful son; a bereaved wife, a devoted husband; his loving sisters, a kind and thoughtful brother; the church, a pillar of strength; and the world, a splendid man.

The subject of this memorial was born in Harford County, Maryland, the son of Colonel and Mrs. E. D. Pue. He comes from a long line of distinguished ancestry. About ten years ago he came to Pocahontas county as the clerk of a lumber company. At this time he was the main support of a widowed mother and three young sisters. He soon branched off into business for himself and established for his family a palatial home in Marlinton, which has become noted all over West Virginia for its hospitality and refinement. No man was more active and energetic in his business and he became very prosperous. He was united in marriage with Miss Nan Kinsey, a daughter of James Kinsey, Esq., of Philadelphia, who survives him with two sons.

In his religious faith he was a member of the Protestant Episcopal church, into which he was born, and at the time of his death he was a vestryman of the St. John's Episcopal church of Marlinton, West Virginia.

On Saturday, October 2, 1915, he was riding a spirited horse along a lonely mountain road. The horse became frightened at some object and threw the rider and probably fell and rolled upon him. He was found in a desperate condition and was brought to the Marlinton Hospital where he lingered in an unconscious condition for the most part until the 8th day of October, 1915. Then on the morning of a beautiful autumnal day, surrounded by his loved ones and hosts of sympathizing friends, his spirit took its flight, and this remarkable young man lay dead in the thirty-second year of his life.

Services were held at St. Johns Church by Rev. Richard Merryman, on the 9th, and on the 10th the interment took place at St. Mary's, Emorton, Maryland.

Thus passes one of our most useful men.

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

DR. F. T. McCLINTIC, MRS. CALVIN W. PRICE, JOHN ALEXANDER, J. W. HILL, Committed.

The first meeting of the Greenbank Reading Circle will be held at Arbovale Oct. 16, 1915, beginning at 10:30 a. m.

Chapters 1, 2, 5 and 6 of Charter's Teaching the Common Branches will be discussed.

Spelling: Subject matter—A. E. Dearman. How to create interest in spelling—Vaughn Geiger. Language—G. B. Lanham. Reading: Subject matter—Miss Mary Hannah. Primary reading—Mrs. V. B. Mann. Upper grade reading—Willie Sheets. Geography: Subject matter—Flossie Conrad. Motives and methods of studying geography—O. E. Hodges. All the teachers in the district are urged to be present and take part in these discussions.

G. H. LaRue, Chairman.

While the whole world is distracted with war and rumors of war—China herself not being entirely free there from—the Gospel is eagerly listened to and more gladly received than ever before. I have been in China during past years when if six or a dozen should attend our chapel services we should feel that it was well. Now I do not know any place in our mission where our chapels are not more than filled and in many places our churches are already too small. The responsibility is on us—on you, and while the opportunity is ripe let us stand behind our Chinese brethren with strong prayers of faith, not withholding from them the financial support needed to complete and carry on the work so well advanced by their own lives of endeavor and self-denial.

ESTRAY NOTICE—A roan horse, aged, has been on the Warn Land, on Cranberry, the Browning place, since about August 1. Owner will please come for property and pay cost of keep and advertising. J. S. McNEILL, Hillsboro, W. Va.

LYCEUM COURSE

The Hillsboro Lyceum Course will be under the management of the Hillsboro High School. The programs will be given in the school auditorium.

The course and dates as arranged by the Coit Lyceum Bureau are as follows:

The Dunaway Concert Co. November 13.

Ralph Parlette, December 16.

Dona DeLeon Co. Feb. 16.

Miss Dunaway will impersonate Francis Little's charming story, the "Lady of the Decoration."

The whole reading will be to musical accompaniment by Miss Mabel Vann who has had great success in concert work in New York City. The Bureau claims that these young ladies are the best two-people concert company on the platform today.

Ralph Parlette has a national reputation as a lecturer. He will give for our instruction and entertainment, his most popular lecture "The University of Hard Knocks."

This is by no means a dry lecture but is full of humor and common sense. Everybody will enjoy him. The Dona-DeLeon Company will give us a musical program. This troupe consists of four persons, Mme. Claire Dona, a native Parisienne, is one of Europe's finest singers. Professor DeLeon is an instrumentalist having taught in New York's social circles. Mr. Wesley Lockhart is a pianist of wide experience. Elizabeth Lorraine Beattie is a reader of merit. Her part consists of clever bits, cuttings from "Peg O' My Heart" and the works of Charles Dickens.

The Bureau claims we have their very best talent. The course costs more than last year and we have a right to expect more in way of instruction and entertainment.

Our patrons of last year will doubtless need no urging to take advantage of this course. We believe in the Lyceum and think it eminently worth while. There is real education in these programs. May we not have your cooperation and patronage in making the course this year a success?

Season tickets for the course may be purchased from any teacher in the Hillsboro schools or from the high school students. Get your tickets early and be ready for the first number.

W. E. Scott.

DISTRICT INSTITUTE

The second district institute for the teachers of Greenbank district will convene at Durbin October 29, 1915 and the following is part of the program:

9:30—Opening.

9:45—School attendance.

(a) How find the difference between enumeration and the enrollment of your sub-district, Ivanella Harper.

(b) What ought to be done about absentees or truants before the truant officer acts? Samuel Spencer.

(c) Some ways of keeping children in school after they are enrolled, Clara Rightmire.

10:30—School room decoration.

(a) What my school has done to improve the sanitary conditions in and about our school house, Geo. B. Lanham.

(b) What a teacher can do in a school when the board and trustees have provided nothing but the building and seats, E. E. Lester.

11:00—Experience meeting—Short concise personal reports of personal achievements: cleaning up and beautifying school property; special methods in teaching boys and girls club work and other activities of special significance—By all present.

1:30—Methods of teaching—Getting every member of the class "to see the point" in what you teach, G. H. LaRue.

A class of children taught by Mrs. R. K. Nevitt for demonstration. This lesson to be critically observed by the teachers.

Discussion of teaching observed, led by B. F. E. Wooddell.

Round Table: Topics in the district institute programs and the programs to be secured at the Reading Circle and of the Reading Circle official. Social center hand books and score cards to be gotten at the same place.

B. B. WILLIAMS, Co. Supt.

It is a very pleasant privilege to notice a society event such as came off at Inframonte Cottage on Wednesday, October 6, 1915, at 8 p. m. when James R. Biggs and Miss Effie Amy Meadows were joined in matrimony by Rev. Wm. T. Price. Arnold C. Jack served as best man to the groom while Miss Etrelia Wiley was maid of honor to the bride. All these persons are citizens of Marlinton, and have their residence on Tannery Row. Should the fervent wishes of all who wish them well be realized, much is the happiness and joy these pleasant young people will realize in their now blended lives.

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DUNMORE

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Our roller mill is crowded day and night.

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